

MEMORANDUM

To:

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Members

From:

Lynn Johnson UMM

Date:

January 26, 2005

Subject:

Updated Master'Plan for Woods Park

Background:

The land for Woods Park was gifted to the City of Lincoln in 1948. In 1954, a master plan was developed for the park. This master plan established the framework for development of the park including the location of the ballfield, pool and tennis facilities.

In 1992, a new master plan for Woods Park was adopted by resolution of the City Council. This plan has guided improvements in the park over the past twelve years including:

- relocated rose garden
- pathway system
- new play ground
- basketball play court
- west tennis courts (3)
- new tennis clubhouse
- tennis/pool plaza
- additional landscaping
- sculptures (6)

The following features from the 1992 master plan have not been completed to date:

- croquet court
- picnic shelter
- 'O' Street planing buffer
- 33rd & 'O' Streets focal point
- basketball goals at ends of parking lots
- 'J' Street drop-off
- south tennis courts (3)

In July, 2004, a public meeting was conducted to initiate updating the Woods Park Master Plan. A park planning committee was formed and participated in three additional meetings. An updated master plan for Woods Park was developed incorporating the following features:

- irrigated play fields
- play court for tennis and basketball
- relocated sand volleyball court

- park shelter
- picnic shelters
- reconfigured parking
- berming and landscaping
- additional artwork
- possible "M" Street pedestrian connector
- location for future tennis courts (3)
- tennis structure guidelines note

In addition, future projects are prioritized.

The Fees and Facilities Committee conducted a public meeting in consideration of the updated master plan for Woods Park on Tuesday, January 25, 2005. Their suggestions have been incorporated into the proposed master plan for review and consideration by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Please find enclosed the following materials:

- 1. Proposed Updated Woods Park Master Plan incorporating recommendations from the Fees & Facilities Committee.
- 2. Letter dated January 24, 2005, from Dick Patterson in opposition of the possible "M" Street pedestrian entrance.
- 3. Written testimony of Vernon Forbes presented to the Fees & Facilities Committee on January 25, 2005.
- 4. "Survey of Lincoln Community Parks" prepared by Vernon Forbes and distributed to the Fees & Facilities Committee.
- Copies of letters from Karen Hand, Debra Velder and Jeff Schoch presented to the Fees & Facilities Committee by Jason Eden, manager of Woods Park Tennis Center.

Please phone me at 441-8265 if you have questions in advance of the Board meeting on February 3, 2005.